

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 remain in this application. Claims 10-20 have been added.

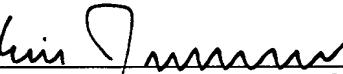
Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly requested.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX:

The Appendix includes the following item(s):

- a new or amended Abstract of the Disclosure

REPLACEMENT SHEET

ABSTRACT

In a nanocarbon producing apparatus (173), a plane mirror (169) and a parabolic mirror (171) are provided in a producing chamber (107). An outgoing light beam, emitted from laser beam source (111) and transmitted through a ZnSe window (133), is reflected by a plane mirror (169) and a parabolic mirror (171). Further, after the light beam is focused by the parabolic mirror (171), a surface of a graphite rod (101) is irradiated with the light beam.